

Advanced Research on Exotic Nuclei
for Nuclear Physics and Nuclear Astrophysics

IAP contract nr. P6/23

Minutes of the IAP steering committee meeting

Leuven, Belgium, January 23, 2007

Present:

K.U.Leuven: M. Huyse, G. Neyens, N. Severijns, P. Van Duppen

U.L.B.: D. Baye, P. Descouvemont, P.-H. Heenen, J.-M. Sparenberg

U.Gent: K. Heyde

SCK-CEN: P. Schuurmans, J. Heyse

GANIL: J.-Ch. Thomas

GSI: Ch. Scheidenberg

U-Koln: J. Jolie

CSNSM: G. Georgiev

Excused:

C. Wagemans (U.Gent)

1. Membership of the steering committee

The steering committee will consist of all staff members of the Belgian partners and one representative of every EU partner.

2. Final report of the previous IAP network

The activity report for 2007 (scientific and administrative) and the final report has to be in by March 31, 2007. The coordinator will remind the partners from IAP P5/07.

3. Scientific reorientation in view of the comments of the referees and the ex-post evaluation committee and the reduced budgets.

The comments of the referees and of the ex-post evaluation committee were discussed in detail. Interesting points were raised but did not necessitate changes in the proposal. All partners are asked to check carefully the proposal in view of the reduced funding received.

Concerning WP7, a workshop will be organized in the fall (action P. Schuurmans) to brain storm about the possible use of the 600 MeV protons from MYRRHA. Items like fundamental interaction studies, production of intense beams (e.g. noble gases from the MYRRHA target), uniqueness of MYRRHA (compared to PSI, EURISOL)... Invited speakers will be solicited (Los Alamos, ORNL, EURISOL, PSI,...).

4. Financial situation of the new network.

The budgets have been fixed.

K.U.Leuven: 1.250.000 Euro

ULB: 400.000 Euro

UGent: 450.000 Euro

SCK•CEN: 400.000 Euro

GANIL: 24.000 Euro

GSI: 24.000 Euro
IKP-Köln: 26.000 Euro
CSNSM – Orsay: 26.000 Euro

- Every partner has to make up the budget plan over the 2007 – 2011 period
- International partners should keep track of their investment in the IAP project.

5. Associated partners

As soon as the notion “associate partner” has been clarified, we will contact U.C.L. (Delbar, Angulo, Ryckewaert), U.L.B. (Goriely), U.A. (Arickx), Gelina (via C. Wagemans) to find out if these groups are interested to join the IAP activities.

6. Practical organization of the network

- a. The IAP day was strongly appreciated by the committee. During the next workshop, more emphasis to the future plans should be given.
- b. After consultation with the community, it was agreed that a two-day IAP workshop would be more effective. Concerning the visibility in Belgian, it was also suggested to have an IAP activity linked to the meeting of the Belgian Physical Society.
- c. Webpage
The webpage should be a usefull instrument. The use of a wikipage with active participation of the members will be investigated.
If possible a weekly mail with all changes made on the IAP pages will be send out automatically.
Information for the web page could be: description of the IAP network, the proposal, publication, list of co-workers, job announcements, seminar announcements, visitors, annual reports,...
- d. The steering committee will meet twice a year (telephone conferencing will be considered)
- e. A logo and name competition has been initiated.

7. Visitors

- It is suggested to apply for the “International Francqui Chair” of exact sciences. The guidelines are explained on the Francqui website. The request should be supported by at least two different universities and the person should come over for a period of six months. Dead line for the application is May 1.
Suggested names are: W. Nazarewicz, R. Janssens, R. Casten, R. Julin, T. Otsuka.
The possibility of the Solvay fund will also be investigated. These visit might also increase the visibility of the network.